Murdoch University Guild of Students

Guild Council Minutes 2026

Details

Date: 23rd July 2026, Thursday
Time: 11:00 AWST
Venue: Guild Boardroom & Online via Teams
Duration: 58 minutes

If any meeting member would like to submit an addition, modification, or strike an item from the agenda, please contact Nayeem Faisal, Guild General Secretary.

Role	Member	Attendance
Guild President	Tshering Gyeltshen	A
Education Vice President (EVP)	Tshewang Rinzin	P
General Secretary	Nayeem Faisal	P
MUPSA President	Mehrdad Savar	Online
MUPSA Vice President (Coursework)	Sara Manouchehri	Online
MUPSA Vice President (Research)	Samar Mahmood	P
International Student Rep (MISA)	Soriaa Sivagurunathan	A
Mandurah Association President (MSA)	Position Vacant	N/A
Women's Rep	Ayla Kaan	P
Sustainability Rep	Vedika Shrikhande	Online
Disability Rep	Mia Westera	A
Indigenous Rep	Taleesha Kickett	A

Role	Member	Attendance
Queer Rep	Kieran Silvie	P
Council Member	Amira Ozrain	A
Council Member	Lola Sweeney	A
Council Member	Md Rakibul Islam Rakib	Online
Council Member	Garima Garima	Online
Council Member	Jeswin Raju	P
Council Member	Himal Pandey Sharma	A
External Representative	No Nominations Received	N/A

Part A - Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country

Meeting Start: The meeting commenced at approximately 11:07 AM

1. Welcome to the Meeting and Acknowledgement of Country

- The Chair acknowledged that Murdoch University is situated on the lands of the Whadjuk and Binjareb Noongar people and paid respect to their enduring and dynamic culture and to Noongar Elders, past and present.

2. Apologies

- A formal apology was received from Amira Ozrain, Mia Westera, Himal Pandey Sharma, and Soriaa Sivagurunathan.
- The President was not present, and his report was tabled and read to Council. Mia Westera was also absent, and her accessibility update was presented on her behalf.

3. Decision by Circulation

- No decisions were made by circulation before this meeting.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- The June Guild Council meeting minutes had been circulated. No amendments were raised during the meeting, and the minutes were accepted subject to any final corrections being provided to the General Secretary.

5. Action List from Previous Meeting

- The Mandurah Association President position remained vacant, and recruitment was still required.
- Guild Ball ticketing, Guild Games preparation, accessibility advocacy, and follow-up on inactive Council membership remained active matters.

Part B - Discussion Items

1. Club Complaints and Safety

- The Women's Representative raised concerns that students do not have a clear, easily accessible, and genuinely anonymous process for providing complaints or feedback about affiliated clubs.

- Council discussed requiring each club to maintain an anonymous feedback form, with relevant submissions accessible to both the club executive and the Guild so that follow-up can be monitored.
- Serious allegations should be capable of escalation to appropriate University wellbeing or support services, while the process should also capture concerns about exclusion, club culture, and student experience.
- Council supported developing clearer complaint and feedback requirements within club policies and procedures and making the process visible through Guild and club communication channels.

2. Accessibility Campaign

- An update was presented on the meeting with Senator Jordan Steele-John and his team regarding ongoing accessibility barriers on campus.
- Council noted concerns that University correspondence had referred broadly to the campus development plan without providing sufficient detail, interim measures, or clear implementation timeframes.
- Potential advocacy options discussed included posters, awareness activities, a petition, and future campaign or protest activity, subject to confirmation of relevant Guild and campus requirements.
- An Accessibility Pride Month stall was proposed for Campus Kickoff to collect student experiences, build support for the campaign, and promote accessibility initiatives including the Sunflower Campaign.
- Council members were asked to provide specific volunteer times for the Campus Kickoff stall and to share contacts, campaign experience, and ideas that may assist the initiative.

3. Council Member Attendance and Participation

- Council reviewed repeated non-attendance and lack of engagement by Garima Garima despite multiple attempts by the General Secretary to make contact.
- Lola Sweeney's repeated absence was also discussed, including the previous expectation that she demonstrate capacity to attend future meetings.
- Members stressed that attendance requirements should be applied consistently and that regular participation is a core responsibility of Council membership.
- Council discussed Sai’s attendance and participation, noting that he has attended only 2 out of 8 Council meetings to date. Council agreed that he should be contacted regarding his attendance and reminded of the expectation to attend the remaining Council meetings. Recording his attendance was considered important for clarity, accountability, and any future decisions regarding Council participation.

4. FOGO Bin Pilot Proposal

- The Sustainability Representative presented a proposal developed with the President for a Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) pilot within the new Student Precinct.
- The proposal responds to compostable cups and takeaway packaging currently entering general waste because suitable composting infrastructure is not available on campus.
- Potential locations include Guild spaces, the Tavern, Student Hub, Winter Garden areas, future Guild offices, and Guild food outlets.
- Implementation would require consultation with Facilities Management, cleaning contractors, and the City of Melville, together with monitoring of waste volumes, collection frequency, and ongoing costs.
- Student education and short-form awareness content were proposed to support correct waste separation. The full proposal will be circulated for Council feedback.

5. Sustainable September

- The Sustainability Representative outlined plans to collect bottle caps across campus and use them in a large sustainable artwork designed by an Aboriginal artist.
- Collection containers will be placed in student hotspots and staff areas, with promotion through University and Guild communication channels.
- A budget of $500 was proposed for artist compensation, with the activity expected to sit within the available sustainability budget.

- Activities are planned for 10, 17, and 24 September during Thursday Market periods. Council members were asked to volunteer for available shifts.
- Council also discussed using existing Guild containers to support collection of Monster cans for the planned sustainability activity and display.

6. MUPSA and Postgraduate Student Experience

- The MUPSA Vice President (Coursework) provided an update on CLV discussions and her participation in the Student Experience Committee.
- Postgraduate priorities identified included financial hardship, food security, housing, and accommodation concerns.
- A clearer communication channel was proposed so postgraduate students can identify their representatives and submit concerns for advocacy.
- The MUPSA President suggested developing an online questionnaire to document postgraduate student experiences and provide stronger evidence for future advocacy.
- Council noted that current MUPSA representative information should be updated on Guild communication channels and the website.

7. Agenda Circulation and Meeting Papers

- Members requested that future meeting agendas be circulated earlier to allow adequate time to review agenda items and supporting documents.
- Council discussed setting the deadline for agenda submissions approximately one week before the meeting and circulating the final agenda around three days before the meeting.
- The Sustainability Representative recommended that each agenda item include supporting sub-points rather than a single-line description and offered to share examples used by other University committees.

Part C - Decision Items

1. Dismissal of Garima Garima

- Council considered Garima Garima's ongoing non-attendance, lack of engagement, and failure to respond to repeated Guild communications.
- Council agreed to dismiss Garima Garima from her Council Member position and to progress the resulting vacancy in accordance with Guild requirements.

2. Dismissal of Lola Sweeney

- Council considered Lola Sweeney's repeated non-attendance and the previous direction that she demonstrate capacity to attend future Council meetings.
- Council agreed to dismiss Lola Sweeney from her Council Member position and to progress the resulting vacancy in accordance with Guild requirements.

3. Club Complaints and Feedback Process

- Council supported further development of a formal anonymous complaints and feedback process for clubs, with requirements to be incorporated into relevant policies and procedures before implementation.

4. Accessibility Campaign Support

- Council supported progressing the Campus Kickoff accessibility stall and encouraged members to volunteer, provide campaign ideas, and assist with gathering student support and evidence.

5. Sustainability Initiatives

- Council supported continued development of the FOGO pilot proposal and Sustainable September activities, subject to further operational, cost, and stakeholder consultation.

6. Key Motions

- Motion: That Garima Garima be dismissed from Guild Council due to ongoing non-attendance, lack of engagement, and failure to respond to repeated Guild communications. Outcome: CARRIED. The transcript records support from all members participating in the vote; individual vote counts were not recorded.

- Motion: That Lola Sweeney be dismissed from Guild Council due to repeated non-attendance and failure to meet Council participation expectations. Outcome: CARRIED. The transcript records Council agreement; individual vote counts were not recorded.

7. Reports & Updates

President's Report:

- Met with Murdoch Active regarding Murdoch participation in the Million Moves Challenge and continued orientation planning with relevant teams.
- Supported individual students with academic matters, including academic integrity concerns and assessment submission issues, and referred matters to relevant University areas where required.
- Met with the Multicultural Services Centre of Western Australia regarding volunteering opportunities and continued engagement with wellbeing and CLV representatives.
- Participated in a CLV meeting covering Wi-Fi, air-conditioning, maintenance response times, and proposed investment in village facilities. Further written outcomes are expected from CLV.
- Progressed Guild Games marketing and participant preparation, Semester 2 orientation engagement, accessibility advocacy with Senator Jordan Steele-John, and engagement with the National Student Ombudsman.
- A further CLV handover meeting was proposed for November so unresolved accommodation matters can transfer clearly to incoming Guild executives.

Education Vice President's Report:

- Reported reduced student hearing activity during the semester break, with recent matters producing favourable outcomes for students.
- Attended the Education Committee, Board of Studies, and Academic Council and continued representing student academic concerns.
- Assisted students experiencing delays with academic transcripts and completion documentation, including urgent matters affecting visa-related deadlines.

General Secretary's Report:

- Attended a screening of We Are Not Powerless and followed up with organiser Muzaffar Ali after the event.
- Provided an update on GrabMyTix as a lower-fee ticketing option and confirmed that an agreement would be used for the Guild Ball only at this stage.
- Continued Council administration, meeting documentation, member follow-up, and support for ongoing Guild event and governance work.

MUPSA Vice President (Coursework) Update:

- Provided feedback from the recent CLV presentation and noted that further practical action and clearer commitments are still required.
- Joined the Student Experience Committee and will raise postgraduate priorities relating to financial hardship, food security, housing, and accommodation.

• Requested clearer visibility of MUPSA representatives and a simple mechanism for postgraduate students to submit concerns for advocacy.

Meeting End: The meeting ended at approximately 12:05 PM.

Prepared by:

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Approved by:

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Tshering Gyeltshen
Murdoch Guild President